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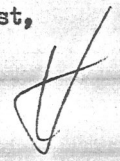
Dear Wayne,

one of the consequences of enever having enough time, of always being in too great a hurry in order to get onto something else, is that I forget more than usual. I should have asked/cautioned you not to use anything you may get at the gas station and to check it with me with care. It is, of course, a good oneshot, but it is also part of a much larger picture and I really feel it would be better to hold until there is a time for a strong picth, in a proper context. I learned much after I saw you. Also, there will be much less chance of soemthing happening to the witness if you can locate him. If you do, try and get a picture and send me a copy. You know what I'll do with it.

On your intrest in similarities, there are many I did not use, one very large area I had to cut out, complete with at least 15 suppressed FBI reports and other matter, and I suppose I could find more relevant FBI reports I have in mu possession. I have not decided whether I will use this in other writing. If I do not and you want it, it is yours. In any event, you should read it.

If you do not have a decent casette recorder, you should get one and bring it. If you do not, and can't afford it, we can use mine and you can have the tapes. We should just chat about these things, then you can later go over them at your liesure. While I am not omtimistic about the prospects for any book on any of the assassinations, a wrinkle sometimes leads to a smile, and the approach is a viable one. It can also serve legitimate historic interests. After you have your stuff in hand and can itemize it, I can then circulate it , that is, a simple list, among others who may well thing of more. One just came to mind yesterday when I was talking to someone at NBC, the rifle-range business in the two Kennedy assassinations, and the lack of the right kind of expended bullets in each case, while in each case the shooter made himself very conspicuous.

On the gas station, this reminds me of something you were going to do and didn't. If the story has disappeared from the morgue, it will be on micro film. When the papers had the sketch of the suspect, they sent reporters aroind and got all negatives except from t is attendant. The all negatives interest me also. I hope you can still get this for me.

Tape recorder: I think for the long pull the not inexpensive Sony TC 40 is best. $100. It is small, tough (AP uses it on desk assignments and interviewing), has built-in mike and automatic volume control,on recording. Can be used with available external mike, foot control for transcribing (handswitch for this comes with), battery eliminator, and has as extra battery pack that recharges. Pocket size. Alternative, good oneswith external mikes, standard size, battery eliminator and auto recording level available here for about $30.00. I got one for a temporary use (transcribing memphis tapes by a friend) nad Jim now has and likes. Less portable. Batteries, Cs, last much longer, thus better for hard use where electricity is not convenient.

Best,